# BIG STICK GIVES PACKERS FRIGHT

Sensational Movement Made By President Causes Panic Among Big Dealers.

#### WHAT THE REPORT CONTAINS

Startling Revelations of Conditions in Great Meat Houses of West.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, May 27.—There has been a good deal of talk lately about the deteats the President was met with in his attempts to direct legislation. To balance the account of the President has ever had such complete and astounding success in

such complete and astounding success in trying to put legislation through as the President won Friday in the adoption by the Senate of the meat inspection bill as a rider to the agriculture appropriation bill.

It bids fair to be a nine dr in Washington. The bill did not exist until this week. It is only a few days old. It has never been considered. Yet fit went through the Senate with a rush, and the man who did it was Tilheodore Roosevelt.

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He did it by taking the packers by the throat. They were held up and told "either this thing becomes a law or "either this thing becomes a law or I will publish the report of Nell and Reynolds and expose the conditions under which you do business."

Report Not in Written Form. The Neill-Reynolds report does not exist in written form It was a verbal report made to the President, but Neill and Reynolds stand ready at any time to write it down, and if they do it will be lot more revolting than was Upton Sinclair's

It may appear strange that such a report should not have been written, but it is to be remembered that Nelli and Reynolds did not investigate in any official capacity. The President, horrified at what he had been told concerning the meat business, asked his two friends to look into it and let him know if the stories told him were true. They did look into it, and told him that everything he had learned was correct. Immediately stories told him were true. They did look into it, and told him that everything he had learned was correct. Immediately upon this, filled with indignation, the President had Senator Beveridge introduce the meat inspection bill, and then served notice that unless it was passed in jig time the Nell report would be made public. Nobody concerned asked to see the report. Nobody asked whether it was written or printed. They simply fell over themselves to withdraw all opposition and to beg the President not to make it public.

A hard-and-fast bargain was made between the President and the packers. What he wanted was to put an end to the frightful condition of affairs reveated to him, and do it right away. He did not intend to have any shilly-shallying as there was about the rate. ...

ing as there was about the rate ...ii. He had the cards and was ready and anxious to play them.

Packers Were Perturbed.

The packers heard about their position early and have been dancing around in a trantic condition for two days. Their one desire was to keep the report out ff

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the hands of the public.

W. E. Skinner, manager of the Live
Stock Exchange in Chicago, found out
yesterday on what terms the President
would withhold the report. He would
withhold it on condition that the Beeridge bill be passed that day. WenSkinner found that there was simply
nothing else to be done, and that the
time was so short, he hurriedly consulted
the other agents of the packers, and the
agreement was made with the President
that the packers would unite with him in the packers would unite with him in ng the bill through, on condition

pushing the bill through, on condition that the report was suppressed.

By this time the packers had learned that the report had not been written, but that Neill had received orders to get it into documentary form at once, and have it ready in the shortest por libe space of time. The packers consulted their congressional friends, and one congressman went to see the President. He came back and reported that if the packers were to save themselves the agreement with the President must be carried out within a few hours.

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Senator Carter, of Montana, is the
especial champion of the live stock interests in the Senate. The packers hunted
him up and told him that as their champion he must hustle the bill through in
some form, it did not matter what.
Carter hustled around and got hold of
Beveridge, and the two arranged that it
should be tacked on to the agricultural
appropriation bill, which had the right of
way in the Senate that day. It was done.
There was no attempt at debate; the situation was too serious. Everybody,

uation was too serious. Everybody, friends and enemies of the packers alike, joined forces and jammed it through.

#### MANY SENSATIONS IN SPECIAL REPORT

Unclean Conditions in Packing Houses Exposed By Neill and Reynolds.

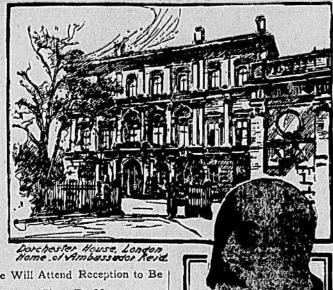
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHICAGO, ILL., May 27.—Reasons why
the Beef Trust is striving to prevent the
publication of the report of Charles P.
Nelli, commissioner of labor, and James B. Reynolds, the commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the ditions in the packing houses controll ed by the trust, became apparent yester-day, when the contents of the report was

It is in this report that President Roose It is in this report that President Roose-velt is using as a club to subdue the opposition to the Beverlige bill for the government sanitary regulation and inspection of the ment-packing industry.

Mr. Neill and Mr. Reynolds have made separate reports, each dealing with the particular phase of the conditions which he investigated. Here, in brief, is what the joint report contains:

The investigators find that the sanitary conditions in the packing houses are so grossly inadequate as to be beyond words

### King Edward to Visit The American Embassy



He Will Attend Reception to Be Given By Mr.

LONDON, May 27.—King Edward has signified his intention to be present at the reception to be given on June 12th at the American Embassy, and the affair promises to be one of the biggest events of the London season,

Ambassador and Mrs. Reld are mak ing elaborate preparations for the re-ception, which is to be followed by a musicale. Many members of the nobil-ity have been invited, and all the prominent Americans who are in London wil

Mme. Emma Eames, who is now in the United States, was notified by cable that she would have the honor of sing-

King Christian, of Denmark, the Queen has refrained from any social functions and the season has necessarily been ex-ceedingly quiet. For this reason the reception at the American Embassy has been looked forward to with general inand practically bad and inadequate. It is supposed that Messrs. McNein and Reynolds take the same pos...on, and that they are fortified with evidence to prove their case.

Investigators say there is practically no esplonage at the stock yards here at night, and that under cover of darkness many things transpire justifying the position President Roosevelt has taken. Diseased meats are said to find their way to small houses, with or without the sanction of the big companies, and from there into the market for human food. It is admitted that foreign consumers get the best of the inspection, that consumers outside of Chicago in this country fare next best, and that the peo-

CELEBRATE THEIR

and Male Orphan Asylum was celebrated

hall was crowded with friends of the in-

The programme was as follows:
Opening Chorus—"The Lord is Great."
Prayer—Rev. L. H. Betty.
Anthem—"A Psalm of Life."
Duet and Chorus—"Hall, Beautiful Tid-

igs." Scripture Reading—Rev. H. E. Weston. Semi-Chorus—'Hear Me, Savlour. Full Chorus—'Behold the Fields." Addross—Rev. James E. Cook. Chorus—'Wonderful Songs of Love."

PRISONER DREW PISTOL

AND SHOT POLICEMAN

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—Fran**s** Slaymaker, a policeman in the tenderloin

district, while attempting to make an

arrest to-night was shot and probably fatally wounded by his prisoner who says his name is John Maxwell and his home Plusburg, Pa. Maxwell and a known, while in a Chinese researant, were accused of robbing a man. A fight started and Policeman Slaymakor was called in and arrested Maxwell and

fight started and Polloceman Slaymakor was called in and arrested Mexwell and his compenion. While waiting for a patrol wagon, Maxwell quickly drew a revolver from a pocket and shot the polloceman through a lung. As prisoner ran, but was quickly captured, and when sequenced at the station-house a burglars outfit was found upon him.

Tariff Difficulty Settled.

Famous Horse Sold.

decoration is being worked out.

Because of the death of her father.

King Christian, of Denmark, the Queen

and the greater part of their rooms can not be ventilated at all. The commis sioners declare that the cleaning of th killing and packing rooms is inadequate and that the habits of the packers an their employes are filthy in the extreme Meat is dumped where men suff from tuberculosis have expectorated. 'Iaboratories are unclean, and are laboratories are unclean, and are in close proximity to where meat is prepared for food.

No attempt is made to guard the packing house at night to prevent the bulling

No attempt is made to guard the packing house at night to prevent the killing of 'downers' or injured cattle. No inspection of meat is made after it has passed the post mortem examination or after it leaves the killing bed. The report declares that the Federal inspectors are overworked and underpaid, and are without sufficient authority. While they have power to condemn meat, they have no authority to destroy it, but that work is left to the local inspectors, who are said to be former prize fighters and bartenders.

America Gets No Protection.

It is the opinion of the commissioners It is the opinion of the commissioners that the whole inspection service is organized to enable packers to sell meat abroad and that the American consumers are afforded no protection. It is found that no microscopic examination is made of hogs for trichinosis, except when they are intended for export. Relative to the use of meat that has spoiled in transit or otherwise, the report finds that shipments which have become tained are returned to the packing houses and either worked into sausages or are treated with preservatives and sold to local consumers. The use of dyes and adulterations was found to be universal.

Dispatches from Washington represent, Mr. Neill as saying he had found revolting and unwiolesome conditions in the packing houses here. The floors were so filthy that the blood and grease oczed through and fell upon good meat, which was to be canned. Employes walked around in the dirt and afterward walked upon the carcasses to be used in interstate commerce. He told of the case of a log which had slipped from the trolley and fallen into a vilo place. It was taken out, and without being cleaned, was sent along and cut up for food.

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He found diseased meat placed in the same room with good meat intended for canning, and he asserted that only one of the five parts of a can was made up of the former. Potted hams appeared to consist of pigskin and other pieces of a hog not used for legitimate purposes. These were colored and placed upon the market. A brand of sausage was anymarket. A brand of sausage was any-

thing but sausage.

The only meat that was good was beef sold for roasts, steaks, etc.

The class of employes was not high, and it was difficult to expect there to know

much about sanitation.
The conditions under which women emmuch about sanitation.

The conditions under which women employes in the canning department work were deplorable. They were compelled to stand in water much of the time and the temperature of the room was low. Press representatives of the packers are keeping the closest kind of watch on every scrap of matter published regarding alleged uncleanliness and vile methods of slaughtering, preparing and canning meats for domestic and foreign consumption, and are writing polite letters asking the writers to come and make an investigation themselves under the escort of an agent of the company.

Long statements have been given out to the press here by each of the companies, in which the stories of fifth and unsanitary environment are denied. These statements are strangely alks, and all were issued at the same time. The main theme is that, if there is a bad condition of affairs in the stock yards plants, it must be in the smaller slaughtering houses and older plants, of which there are about thirty.

Inspection Force Too Small,

Inspection Force Too Small. The members of the "Big Four" muln-tain that the present system of govern-ment and local inspection is sufficient to protect foreign, domestic and Chicago consumers against unwholesome ments. Those who have made unofficial investi-gation—the so-called "muck-rakers"—de-clare that the system is fundamentally

Chartered 1832.

#### The Virginia Fire & Marine INSURANCE COMPANY.

RICHMOND, VA. ASSETS JANUARY 1, 1906, - . . - . . . \$1,134,647.11

WM. H. PALMER.......President. | W. H. McCARTHY......Secretary. E. B. ADDISON.....Vice-President. | OSCAR D. PITTS.......Tressurer.

No Loss In San Francisco

### STATE OF PANIC IN PENN OFFICES

Operators Declare Prospect of Suit for Millions Alarms Heads of Road.

BAER MAY SUCCEED CASSATT

More Rumors That President Will Resign After Fight is Over.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 27.-The hurried return of Alexander J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who is a passenger on board the Hamburg-American Line steamship Amerika, which sailed from Cherbourg for New York Friday, and the grave for New York Friday, and the grave significance of this interruption of the railroad man's European tour, yesterday furnished an interesting theme for speculation to the many coal operators or their representatives who have been constant attendants at the meetings of the Interstate Commerce Commission in

Most of them remained in Philadelphi to consult with their lawyers who have charge of the pending suits against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for alleged discriminations in the distribution of cars, or who are preparing evidence to be submitted in forthcoming suits.

Urgently Called to Philadelphia. Urgently Called to Philadelphia.

Mr. Cassatt booked his passage while the steamship train was waiting at the station. Consequently his name was not entered on the passenger list. He informed a steamship official that he had intended satling later, but that he had been urgently called to Philadelphia. So overwhelming was the mass of evidence of widespread "graft" among the officers and employes of the Pennsylvania system brought out at the Interstate officers and employes of the Pennsylvania system brought out at the interstate Commerce Commission's inquiry here that the aggrieved operators are confident of winning their suits and establishing a new order of relations with the railroad company which will permit general competition upon an equitable basis, wholly eliminating. In view of vehement public opinion, ruinous favoritism, whose extension to a limited few has worked such evil to the many shippers dependent upon the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the marketing of their product.

That the Pennsylvania is thoroughly aroused, if not apprehensive of disastrous consequences, by the admission of offi-

consequences, by the admission of offi-cals of high and low degree that "graft" the transactions between the shippers who would achieve pronounced success and certain railroad officers and employes and certain railroad officers and employes who are potential agents in the regulation of the car supply, was the unanimous opinion among the lingering operators, and the attitude of President Cassatt on his return toward the offendors was widely discussed in all its possible phases. Also the attitude of the stockholders (particularly the thousands whose holdings are small) toward President Cassatt proved a fruitful subject of these discussions, for vague rumors were afloa that possibly the head of the Pennsylvania Raliroad Company might be asked to resign as an initiatory step in the direction of reform.

Baer May Succeer Him.

that consumers outside of Chicago in this country fare next best, and that the people of Chicago, especially the poorer classes, suffer most from whatever polluted meats are sold for table food.

Under the proposed new system it is expected that first-class inspection will go on through the night and that it will no longer be possible to slaughter for human consumption cattle that have already been condemned on the hoof. It is also considered most important that under the system all animals showing symptoms of disease must be slaughtered separately and the carcasses be disposed of immediately in such manner that the diseased meats cannot be lost in that which has passed muster. Baer May Succeer Him.
Other rumors residies the report ourrent for several days that Mr. Cassatt
will resign the presidency of the Pennsy
as soon as this coal investigation is over
and he has seen the fight through. Financial circles heard yesterday that big interests of New York have expressed
themselves as favorable to the election
of George F. Baer as president of the
Pennsylvania Railroad.
Financial interests have come to look
upon President Baer as the exponent of
strict honesty in corporation manage-

strict honesty in corporation manage-ment. With all his warped views on some subjects, he has time and again give evidence that he cannot be swerved from what he believes to be right. from what he believes to be right.

Mr. Baer's remarkable utterance has

Mr. Baer's remarkable utterance hist Tuesday night at a dinner of Reading officers stated clearly his views of right and wrong in corporation management. He said:

"The Reading Railway Company has the highest standard of any railror! -company in the world for integrity in its management. I know that the officers of the Reading are loyal, capable and true, and if all companies were as free from taint as ours, there would be no room to reriticism anywhere."

Inside interests in the Pennsylvania Railroad understand that it is President Cassatt's purpose to go on the witness stand at the first opportunity. Precise time and place for the next hearing by the commission will be fixed on Thursday at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home. Mayor McCarthy and many prom-inent citizens were in attendance, and the

the commission will be fixed on Thursday in Washington at a conference with Wil-liam A. Glasgow, Jr., special counsel in this investigation.

Suith for \$25,000,000.

Addross-Rev. James E. Cook.
Chorus-"Wonderful Songs of Love."
Doxology.
Benediction.
The speaker of the occasion, Rev. James
E. Cook, delivered a very interesting address. He gave an outline history of the asylum. Beginning with its founding on Church. He fine 1848, and telling of the work which had been accomplished since then. He finished with high praise for the work of Mrs. Gill, the present superintendent, and then gave a short talk for the benefit of the boys, in which he told of how he himself had once been an orphan at the home.

The singling of the little fellows was extremely sweet and melodious, and the expression spoke well for their instructor, Singing services are held every Sunday afternoon at the home. Among the suits already brought by coal operators against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on charges of discrim-ination of the distribution of cars, most

Railroad Company on charges of discrimination of the distribution of cars, most important in point of amount of damages asked are those of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company, \$2,500,000, and the Federal Coal Company, \$50,000. But it was estimated yesterday by a well-known operator, who recently and with success sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for discrimination, that of the 500 shippers whose business has been seriously impaired by favors in the supply of cars to certain competitors fully 100 might be counted upon to enter suits averaging \$250,000, making a grand total of \$25,000,000.

"Undoubtedly there would be many more suits," he continued, "but many of the shippers, through laxity of business methods or their inability to keep up with the commercial times, have permitted much evidence which would have substantiated their cases to lapse into worthlessness. These men by submitting to the 'grafting' system without formal protest have partially, if not wholly, vitlated their positions as prospective plaintiffs in damage suits, so I am informed by my logal advisers. Still there will be sufficient with perfectly valid claims to make things merry in the courts for some time to come."

"Will not the Pennsylvania Railroad

things merry in the courts for some time to come."

"Will not the Pennsylvania Raifrond Company seek to appease the operators by immediate amendment of the discrepancies in the distribution of cars?"

"That is a question I cannot answith any degree of certitude," was the reply. "Things are in rather a chaotic condition at present in the coal shipping business, and the bitterness among operators who have suffered from discrimination is so keen that few express themselves amenable to conciliatory overtures until matters have been thoroughly sifted in the courts. The bases of the past would be retrieved but slowly by the mere restoration to the shipper of his long abrogated rights."

Tariff Difficulty Settled.

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA. May 27.—Emperor Francis
Joseph's unexpected return to Vienna last
tweek appears to have resulted in a settlement of the tariff difficulty. A conferonce between Fringe Coyrad HohenloheSchillingsfuerst, Austrian premier and
minister of the interior, and Dr. Wekerle,
the Hungarian premier, this morning, was
followed by a council, at which the Empuror presided, this afternoon, after which
Premier Wekerle stated that the question
of a common Austro-Hungarian customs
tariff had been settled in a manner that
was expected to satisfy both countries. LONDON, May 27.—Edmond Blanc's four-year-old bay horse Jardy, by Flying Fox, Airsand Graces, has been sold to Senor Luro, an Argentine breeder, for \$150,000.



GEORGE F. BAER.

succeed A. J. Cassatt as preside of the Pennsylvania Railroad

#### TO ASK GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT FRAUDS

Officials of Republic of Panama on Way to Washington to

(My Associated Press.)
COLON, May 27.—The steamer Allencia which sailed to-night for New York, had as passengers Dr. Pablo Arosemena, Vice-President of the republic of Panama sion representing the Liberal party, and destined for Washington to confer with Secretary of. War Taft and solicit the Intervention of the United States in order to prevent fraudulent voting in the coming elections for members of the Panama Assembly. The Liberals say they are confident that they will be able to sweep the country if the elections are honest. Governor Magoon accompanied the delegates to the station at Panama. On reaching Coion to-day the delegation was welcomed by many Liberals. sion representing the Liberal party, and

REBEL CHIEF DEAD. Story From Manila That Ali is Alive Denied.

Alive Denied.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27,—Concerning the report from Manila that Datto Ali, the rebel chief, is still alive, Lieutenants S. B. West and Philip Remington to-day made statements. Both officers are with the Twenty-second Infantry here and were with Captain McCoy in his march into Mindanao against Ali. They say that every man in Ali's stronghold was killed with the exception of a Moro boy who escaped. All's body was found in front of his house with fourteen bullet wounds. Dr. Davis, the army surgeon with the expedition, examined the body and pronounced All dend. The body was identified as that of the Moro chieftain by two faithful guides who knew him well. One of them was a half brother of Ali's named Datto Enok. Sergeant Lewis A. Carr, Company K, Twenty-second Infantry, also recognized the body as that of Ali. Carr knew Ali well when the Moro was a noted gambler in 1901 and 1902.

### WOMAN WILL CLIMB HIGH PEAK IN ANDES

Miss Peck, Attended Only By Native Guides, Sets Out to Scale Mount Huascaran.

Mount Huascaran.

NEW YORK, May 27.—A daring mountain climbing exploit is planned by Miss Annle S. Peck, of Providence, R. I., who sailed from here for Colon. Alone, except for some native Peru guides, Miss Peck will attempt to climb Mount Hauscaran, said to be the highest peak in the Andes. She will go equipped with scientific instruments with which to determine whether Hauscaran is of greater alittude than Mount Illampu, which has an estimated height of 21,500 feet.

In 1904 Miss Peck made an attempt to ascend Huascaran, but did not succeed, and lays the blame of her fallure in part to the presence of two men who formed a portion of her party and refused to proceed all the way to the top.

On the present climb she will equip the guides with Eskimo clothing, for upon reaching a height of 19,000 feet on her first climb the temperature was 20 degrees below zero.

Miss Peck made the highest climb on record upon any mountain in the Western Hemisphere when she ascended Mount Sorata, also an Andean peak. In addition to the American mountain climbing exploits, Miss Peak has ascended the Matterhorn and th perilous Five Finger peaks in the Tyrol.

IN TRADE CIRCLES.

Dun's Report on Activity in

Dun's Report on Activity in Banking Circles.

Activity in banking circles in the Southern States is shown by the weekly report of the local branch of R. G. Dun & Co., as follows:

Applications to Organize—The Exchange National Bank of Montgomery, Ala.; captilal, \$300,000. Application to organize filed by Michael Cody.

New Blate Banks, Private Bank and Trust Companies—The Central Bank and Trust Company, of Live Oak, Fla., organizing.

izing.
The People's Bank, of Sanford, Fla., applying for charter, capital, \$25,000. M. M. Smith, president; W. D. Manley, cash-

M. Smith, pressent, and the second se

One Killed; Five Hurt.

(By Associated Press.)

OII, CITY, PA. May Z.—One trainman was killed and tive others were injured in a head-on collision between a light enside and a freight train on the Buffalo and Alleghany Valley division of the Pennsylvania Railway, near West Monterey, to-day, The injured will recover, All live in-Rittshues.

Bradford, vice-president; A. E. Potter, cushier.

The Bank of Yorkville, Tenn., (incorporated). Paid epital, \$6,500. F. E. Wystt, president; J. S. McCorkie, vice-president; J. S. McCorkie, vice-president; J. W. Carmington, and a freight train on the Buffalo and Alleghany Valley division of the Pennsylvania Railway, near West Monterey, to-day, The injured will recover, All live in-Rittshues.

BABY'S

Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe, angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so full of danger and suffering that she looks forward to the hour when she shall of motherhood with indescribable dread and

feel the exquisite thrill of motherhood with indescribable dread and fear. Every woman should know that the danger, pain and horror of child-birth can be entirely avoided by the use of Mother's Friend,

a scientific liniment for external use only, which toughens and render pliable all the parts, and assists nature in its sublime work. By its aid thousands of women have passed this great crisis in perfect safety and without pain. Sold at \$1.00 per bottle by druggists. Our book of priceless value to all women sent free. Address

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#### Brief Items from Everywhere.

PHILADELPHIA.—Reginald and Alfred G. Vanderbilt have arranged for elaborate exhibits at the Horse Show at St. Martin's Green, Wissahickon, this week.

NEWARK, N. J.—The home of Senator Dryden was entered by burglars, who dodged the nlarm wires and cracked a safe.

NEW YORK .-- Ada Rehan, the actress was too ill to sail for London, as she had

PHILADELPHIA.—A Slav found uncon-scious on a Mahanoy City street told a story of having been locked in a box-cat for nearly three weeks without food of irink.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Daniel S. Burnham announced that his plans for rebuilding San Francisco upon magnificent lines had been accepted by the Citizens' Committee.

TRENTON, DEL.—Governor Len has delayed calling an extra session of the Legislature to elect a senator, and it was believed that this placed the plans for the election of Colonel Henry A. du Pont in danger. Addicks men are active.

POTTSVILLE, PA.—Considerable excitement was caused at Tumbling Run by Philip Yedinsky, a prominent resident, who saw a Baptist preacher immerse a woman in a secluded part of the dam and reported that a murder was being committed.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Transalsaise Siberian commission has adopted definitely the contracts and regulations of M. Loicq de Lobel's project for untiling America and Europe by rall via Siberia and Alaska.

READING, PA.—Issac Yeder, of Ninn-tic, discovered a guinea fowl's nest with 73 eggs, and when he came near the nest a rabbit hopped from it.

RIDGELY, MD.—While practicing at the baseball park Morton Holsinger knocked a long ily ball. In its flight it killed a chimney swallow which was crossing the park.

SAN FRANCISCO.—It has been decided to send to China 1,000 of the aged and infirm Chinese made homeless by the San Francisco fire, this arrangement being sanctioned by the Chinese minister.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The baloon race between Alfred N. Chandler. In the Initial, and Henry S. Gratz, l'Orient, which was scheduled to start from this city, did not take place on account of the high wind. It was planned to race the baloons from this city to New York.

CINCINNATI.—In her action for diverce Anna Lorenz alleges that William Lorenz was guilty of extreme cruelty in that he would sit in his bare feet and work his toes in the presence of her company for the purpose of mortifying and humiliating

woman in a sectuded part of the dam and reported that a murder was being committed.

SEAFORD, DEL.—After eating four quarts of strawberries and three crabs Mrs. Mary Frank, an aged woman, died

AMSTERDAM, N. Y.—While assisting in digging a grave in Pine Grove Cemetery, at Tribes Hill. Jacob Dockstader, for more than a score of years superintendent of the cemetery, was stricken by heart disease, dying almost immediately.

## MAY HOLD ANOTHER REUNION BANQUET

Members Meeting Here Shortly.

While no definite whove has been inaugurated, it we not unlikely that the
Virginia Constitutional Convention Association will hold its second annual reunion in this city some time shortly.

The convention members organized a
permanent association here last year, and
decided to hold annual rounions and banquets in this city. Hon. Henry C. Stuart,
of Russell, was inade president, and Hon.
John Thompson Brown, of Bedford, secretary.

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The first reunion and banquet, held in the Masonic Temple last year, was a brilliant affer, and was well attended.

The speeches were able and eloquent, and created great enthusiasm.

The chief regret of all was that the veteran president, Hon. John Goode, was indisposed and could not attend. The health of Mr. Goode is now fully restored, and he is as active and vigorous as when he wielded the gavel with so much ability and distinction over the very able assemblage.

Since the convention adjourned, the cold hand of death has claimed nine of the members.

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They are Hon. J. A. Bristow, of Essex; Hon. Horace F. Crismond, of Fredericksburg; Judge Berryman Green, of Danville Judge B. A. Hancock, of Chesterfield; Hon. John W. Lawson, of Isle of Wight Hon. G. B. Miller, of Pittsylvania; Colonel William B. Pettit, of Fluvanner Hon., Nathan Phillips, of Fluvanner, Hon., Nathan Phillips, of Floyd, and Hon. George P. Tarry, of Mecklenburg. All save the last two died of natural causes. Mr. Phillips was kicked to death by a horse, and Mr. Tarry died as the result of injuries received in a runaway accidnt. None of the members died while the convention was in session. It is expected that the Executive Committee, composed largely of local men, will shortly take up the question of holding the second reunion.

French Premier Speaks.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, May 27.—Premier Serrian made his first speech since the recent general election at a banquet at Charoles to-night. He declared the progress made fiscal reform to be satisfactory and said night. He declared the progress made in fiscal reform to be satisfactory and said that the budget, as well as methods of regulating the relations between capital and labor, would receive his early attention.

Personals and Briefs. Mrs. W. D. Kerns, who has been very stek for the past four weeks at the Retreat for the Sick, is improving slowly and may be able to leave the hospital by the lest of the week.
Miss Corinne Bear, of 917 West Grace Street, will leave on Monday to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Stein, of Manchester, N. H.

Sounded That Way. "teacher told us to be prepared to-mor-row to tell what meter the Charge of the Light Brigade is in." "Eh?" replied old William Skulebag-ger. "that's easy, Gas meter, of course." —The Catholic Standard and Times.

Frank Damosch declares that we have not enough oredle songs, which is Presi-dent Roosevett's pet theory set to music,— New York Mail.

## BOARD TO FIGHT ON HEALTH MEASURE

Talk of Constitutional Convention | Messrs, Dabney, Blair and Wood to Lead in Favor of the New Ordinance.

> of the body, President William M. Turpin has called the Board of Aldermen to meet to-night at 8 o'clock, to take up the ordinance revolutionizing the enup the ordinance revolutionizing the entire health department, and while the ordinance will likely be adopted it will probably cause a fierce debate. The floor leaders for the ordinance will be Messrs. Blair and Dabney, and they will be earnestly supported by Chairman James B. Wood, of the Finance Committee, which body, in conjunction with the Committee on Health, favorably recommended it to the Council. The patrons of the measure desire to speed it as much as possible, and wish to get it through the Baard to-night, so that it may go to the lower branch for concurrence next Monday night. Everybody seems to favor some reform,

concurrence next Monday night. Everybody seems to favor some reform,
and those who do not like the
ordinance in its present form will
very probably try to amend it so as to
enlarge the powers of the present board,
giving them more means to carry on their
work and making them wholly responsible, without reference to the Committee
on Health. But it is considered a safe
guess that the ordinance will go through
the Board without material amendments.
It is in the lower branch that it will
be vigorously assaulted.
Councilmen Poliock and Hobson do not
like the paper in its present form. They

like the paper in its present form. They voted and spoke against it in the joint committee meeting, and will likely fight it on the floor.

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The former bolleves it creates unnecessary officers, while the latter is of opinion that if the powers of the present board are enlarged and sufficient money appropriated there will be no necessity for the sweeping changes recommended by the joint committee.

Nine Miners Killed. (By Associated Press.)
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were killed.

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